



ESSAY COMPETITION

“Forever Wild!”

The Wyoming Hunting & Fishing Heritage Expo celebrates Wyoming’s outdoor heritage, which includes hunting, fishing, wildlife/fisheries management, and the role of the outdoor enthusiast in wildlife conservation. Wyoming offers a wide variety of outdoor opportunities for the family that can be enjoyed for a lifetime.

Eligibility

- Must be a Wyoming student in grade 10 - 12
- Immediate family members of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department are not eligible
- Essay **and** completed entry form must be received before 5 p.m. April 13, 2012

Entry Guidelines

- No less than 250 words and no more than 500 words in length
- Published essay must be typed or word processed on 8 ½” x 11” white paper and double spaced
- Expo '12 theme **“Forever Wild!”** must be incorporated in the body of the essay
- Express in prose what Wyoming’s outdoor heritage means to you while considering the people you are speaking to; the recreationist, the wildlife watcher, a new person to our state, etc.
- The six traits of writing criteria will be used to judge the quality of the essay
 1. Ideas and Content
 - Audience and purpose considered
 - Developed focus
 - Use of vivid, specific and relevant details, and concepts
 2. Organization
 - Paragraphs are arranged into logical progression
 - Use of transitions and concluding statement
 3. Voice
 - Use of suitable content, vocabulary, style, structure, tone, and voice considering the intended audience
 4. Sentence Fluency
 - Logical sentence order and varied sentence structure
 5. Word Choice
 - Use of meaningful word choice appropriate to purpose to achieve a specific tone
 6. Language Conventions
 - Use of correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and usage

Awards

- All entries following the guidelines will be displayed in the *Wildlife and Wild Scenes Gallery* at the Expo in Casper, WY, September 13-15, 2012
- First, second, and third place winners and their teachers will be notified in writing by approximately May 25, 2012
- First place winner will receive a \$200 savings bond, prize ribbon, and award certificate
- Second place winner will receive a \$150 savings bond, prize ribbon, and award certificate
- Third place winner will receive a \$100 savings bond, prize ribbon, and award certificate
- Winners will also have the opportunity to be recognized at the Expo '12 Awards Banquet, held during the Expo in Casper, Friday, September 14 at the Parkway Plaza (lodging and travel expenses are not included)

Submit Essay and entry form to:

- All essays become the property of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and will not be returned
- Essay and completed entry form must be received before 5 p.m. April 13, 2012
- **Email entries (with the attached entry form) to: margaret.james@wyo.gov**
For questions, call (307) 777-4538

POSTER, POETRY, AND ESSAY COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

A completed form must be attached to each entry

Entry and form must be received no later than 5 p.m. April 13, 2012

Email to: margaret.james@wyo.gov

Please print legibly and fill out completely

Student's First and Last Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone () _____ Email: _____

School Name _____ Grade _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

School Phone () _____

Teacher's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone () _____ Email: _____